

Call for Presentations



State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS) and NIATx are pleased to announce an exciting, collaborative event in 2008!

Combining our annual conferences to create a single, exciting event for the addiction and behavioral health treatment fields, SAAS and NIATx invite you to join us at the:

***2008 SAAS National Conference and NIATx Summit
Collaborative Magic
Inspiring Leaders and Forging Tools for Organizational Excellence***

June 22–25, 2008
Buena Vista Palace Hotel
Orlando, Florida

2008 SAAS National Conference and NIATx Annual Summit

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NIATx is pleased to announce a Call for Presentations for the 2008 SAAS National Conference and NIATx Annual Summit. SAAS and NIATx are teaming up for some of the program sessions, exhibit hall, receptions, and other conference attractions. However, this collaborative event will also feature separate programming to reflect the diversity and specialties of each organization.

The 2008 combined conference provides expert speakers, workshops, and peer-to-peer learning on a wide range of critical management and quality improvement issues. We invite you to submit a proposal for the **NIATx portion of the conference program**, targeted to behavioral healthcare providers, payers, policy makers, and clinicians.

Areas of Interest:

NIATx helps organizations improve client access to and engagement in treatment, through process improvement and system change methods.

Proposed presentations should focus on the “processes and/or systems” within organizations and how system delivery design can improve service quality in one or more of the following areas of interest:

1. Customer Service
2. Workforce Development and Team Building
3. Business and Finance
4. Technology and Innovation
5. Process Improvement
6. Policy and Emerging Trends
7. Achieving Organizational Excellence

Note: Previous workshop attendees have preferred a structured, interactive format. If your presentation is primarily a “lecture,” please allow time for peer discussion, questions, and application of the material.

Submission Guidelines:

- Complete (electronically) the Call for Presentations Submission Form enclosed and save it as a MS Word document.
- Attach a proposal that includes: 1) presentation title; 2) a two- to three- sentence summary of the presentation; 3) up to three specific learning objectives; 4) a description of the presentation of up to 300 words; 5) the name/phone number of one or more references who have heard you make a presentation, if applicable
- Include resume/curriculum vitae for each presenter. Please limit number of workshop presenters to no more than two.

- Specify audio/visual requirements. Speakers are expected to bring their own laptop computers except by special arrangement. Microphone and LCD projector will be provided.
- Workshop presentations are 90 minutes; presenters should prepare an interactive presentation for an advanced audience and allow for question and answer time within the 90 minutes.
- Submit all materials by **January 31, 2008** via e-mail to Helena.kahle@chess.wisc.edu. If you have content questions, contact please contact Helena Kahle at Helena.kahle@chess.wisc.edu or 608-265-6276 or Scott Gatzke at Scott.gatzke@chess.wisc.edu

Criteria for evaluating proposals will include:

- The learning objectives are clear.
- The proposal addresses issues of concern to the target audience of treatment provider CEOs, senior managers, and clinicians or payer organizations and policymakers
- The proposal highlights the advanced level and the interactivity of the presentation.
- The proposal reflects the educational tracks in this call for presentations.

Key Dates

January 31, 2008: Proposals due via e-mail to Helena.kahle@chess.wisc.edu

February 22, 2008: Presenters will be notified about their selection.

May 1, 2008: Electronic version of materials for selected presentations due.

Note: The SAAS/NIATx 2008 conference is “paperless;” paper copies of slide presentations will not be handed out. However, a CD-ROM of conference materials will be provided to all meeting attendees. Selected presenters must submit an electronic version of presentation materials by May 1, 2008 to allow adequate time to prepare the CD-Rom.

Presenters will receive complimentary meeting registration and up to \$300, if needed, to help defray travel expenses.

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Presentation Title:

Presenter Information:

Name and Degrees/Credentials:

Title: Organization:

Address:

City/State/ZIP:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

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